

| | | Adams Peak | Archer Knob | Beards Mountain | Beech Lick Knob |
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| Ranger District | | Pedlar | North River | James River, Warm Spgs | North River |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 8,226 | 7,110 | 10,152 | 14,087 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of structural improvements | Nature Camp | No | No | 2 communication sites near NNW bdy |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | No | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 20-25% | 20-25% | 80% | 80% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No | Adjacent to SP with high density trail system | No |
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| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 4,400 ac SP in central W; none on N & S; int opps but relatively small | Relatively small core of 4,440 ac SP, but is in mass with int views in steep drains. | Not very good. About 7,000 ac of SP, but narrow and along mountainside with mult ext views to pvt - cabins, farms, camps; poor configuration. | 9,500 ac SP in mass; good opps for isolation and primitive rec; many knobs around perimeter help block views to private lands and potential future development |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | No | No | Roughhead shiner | No |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No | Yes, per SELC report |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | No | No | Rec River | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 5 mi. | 1 mi. | 2 mi. | 13 mi. |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | Paper birch | No | No | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | No | No | No | No |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No | No | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | No | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | ATV | No | ATV | ATV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No | NO | No |
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| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 763 acres on NNE boundary | 1,322 acres; multiple spines along NW bdy, along SE bdy and "boot" where FDR 382B enters from E. | 1,327 acres central west border and north end | 5,588 acres, mostly in the eastern portion of the PWA and an area within the SW portion. |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | 3 units in NE portion dating 1993-1995 | 1 unit north end 1993 | Yes | 1 unit at north-center bdy dated 2005 and 7 units in northeast part of area, dating 1993-2000. |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | No | Gum Lick burn | Lg area at ctr on W bdy; not in GIS | 1993 on NNE boundary; no existing trails near the area. |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | Yes | No | No | Marshall Run |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 1076 acres | 1,734 | 1,428 | 1,292 acres |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | No | No | No | 1,158 acres; all one block along western boundary; can be excluded. |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | 376 | 23 | 256 | 65 acres |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | Sand grape, Mtn paper birch | Plox buckleyi, Plains forstweed; 24 acre SBA near center of PWA on Archer Knob on Gr No Mtn Trail. | Shale barren rockcress; 853 acres Natural Heritage Program Special Biological Area | No |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | 6 shown in GIS in northern portion | 1 opening and linear WL clearing in south end. | No | Along NE boundary; none are in the interior. |
| Recreation | Competitive events | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | Whetstone Ridge trail, extends from SW bdy to mid-eastern bdy, all within SP core | North Mtn Trail | No | No trails no; however NEPA is done on planned segment of Great Eastern Trail (multi use) |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | No | Yes | No | |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | No | Yes | |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | | Currently, motorized access for hunters w/ disabilities; heavy disp camping on N end; geocaching on N end. | Heavy illegal ATV use along E boundary; SUP along FDR 637 | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 558 | 114 | No | 843 acres |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | 1.2 | No | No | 0.2 mile on north bdy; dead ends at 2005 timber unit. |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Make NSA; heavy bike use on Whetstone Ridge trail; maintained by mtn bikers; keep Nature Camp and roads in the north out of wilderness; manage for WL | No. Mtn Trail used by mtn bikes; move boundary to west side of trail; old growth; agree to W west of North Mountain Trail; scenic area; WL mgmt | Mtn bike use; good WL habitat; extensive use out of Douthat; No to wilderness - remote highlands; no logging; no road building | Good quality timber and historic/current WL mgmt; yes to Wilderness but exclude Great Eastern Trail along western portion of area (Carr Mountain). |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Domianted by steep,rugged mountains; elev 1200-3000'; Whetstone is long ridge dissected by numerous, deep, narrow drainages; rock slides are common; upland hardwoods with Pitch pine; cove hardwoods in sheltered hollows; scenic rock outcrops and pinnacles; black bear and timber rattlers; prehistoric sites; lot of disp rec activities; 1066 acres of possible old growth. | Numerous drainages; Scott Hollow Barrens conservatin site; old growth in northern part of PWA; 7 miles Gr No Mtn Trail connects to Elliott Knob Crawford Mtn treasures; large area of SP, but much classified suitable for timber & road building by FS; threatened by otential ATV development; 1835 ac of potential old growth. | Scenic backdrop for Douthat; many peaks; many streams dissect flanks of ridge; tribs of Cowpasture River; 1 of few areas on GW accessed by canoeists; several trails; 2,921 acres of possible old growth. | One of the largest IRAs on GW; elev 1650-3150 with diverse topo; multiple drainages; large SP area for experiencing solitude; old FDR is closed and grassed goes to interior; Blue Hole CG at north bdy; much area is suitable for timber; 4241 acres of possible old growth. |

| | Big Schloss | Crawford Knob | Dolly Ann | Duncan Knob |
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| Ranger District | Lee | North River | James River | Lee |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | 28,347 | 14,851 | 9,524 | 5,973 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | History of liming 1 mile of Stony Creek on south end of PWA. | No | Yes |
| | Presence of structural improvements | Mill Mountain Trail shelter, bridges, walkway | No | Trail bridge |
| | Private inholdings | Tract near eastern boundary contains a subdivision; could be excluded with a boundary adjustment. | 1 on ridgetop; SE quadrant-not very near bdy; possible to excl but big chunk. | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | Subdivisions exist to the east and west of the southern half of the PWA. | No | Yes |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 45-50% | 60% | 40% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | PATC cabin at Sugar Knob under permit; in the interior of the southern "mass" of the PWA. | No | Mine shafts being closed |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | Almost 20,000 ac of SP; large areas of interior with no views to private can offer good primitive rec opps; however dense system of heavily used trails that offer circuits/loops makes it unlikely to achieve solitude/isolation. | 11,830 ac SP in mass; opps for isolation from external sights/sounds, but mult trails may prevent solitude | 5,850 ac SP, most in south mass, but mostly mountaintop with exterior views |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | Close to DC and NoVa | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No | Old iron mining area |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | NE bulrush; 767 acre SBA on the eastern bdy of PWA; 979 ac. Nat. Heritage Program Biological Area | Cow Knob Salamander | No |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | Scenic River | No | Yes-NRT |
| | Presence of special geologic area | Big Schloss geologic area | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 12 mi. | 3 mi. | 11 mi |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | Norway Spruce - planted | No | Planted Norway spruce |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | No | No | 53 ac |
| | Other special feature or value | No | Headwater for James & Potomac | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | Papermill odors |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | ATV | Yes | ATV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No | No |
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| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 5,548 acres; various patches scattered around the periphery; primarily east and north. | 3,796 acres: SW, NE and small amount on NNW. | 3,424 acres on west, much of southern PWA, narrow band on east bdy, all of "panhandle". | 1,228 acres around north, west and south boundaries |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | All or portion of 16 units mostly around boundary of northern finger | 8 units along S and NW perimeter, 1994-1998 | 4 in 1993; 1 in 1997; along east side of "panhandle" | |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | No | No | |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | Large area on south end around Little Schloss burned in 2003; 2 in Vance Cove that are not in GIS | Large burn in 2000 on S end | In 1993, just north of center in the "pan" or mass of PWA. | |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | PATC has permit for cabin at Sugar Knob. | No | No | Yes |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 123 acres | 393 acres | 16 | 686 |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | 7,118 acres; large areas at southeast and northwest portion of southern "mass"; excluding these areas would leave only "lobster claw" at NE | No | No | No |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | 10 acres | 64 | 58 | No |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | No | No | Var sedge, Sword leaved phlox; 2,076 acre SBA in the center of "mass and 49 ac. Natural Heritage Program Biological Area | N. bristly sarsaparilla; 35 acre SBA; 93 ac. Nat. Heritage Program Biological Area |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | 12 wildlife openings in GIS and district notes that more exist; Wilson Cove Deer Study Area in WV | WL opening with a pond | Yes | Yes |
| Recreation | Competitive events | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | System of multiple mountain bike trails | Per pub comments; multiple. Per district, not heavily used | No | Yes |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | | | | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 7,550 | 968 acres | 1,415 | No |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | 11.2 | 0.4 mile | 2.5 | 0.1 |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | WV needs to maintain Deer Study Area; mult mtn bike trails; volunteers; horse enduros, WL mgmt; adjust bdy to only have northern finger as Wilderness, and the rest as Scenic Area; yes to Wilderness for entire Big Schloss area; public drinking water, watershed | Mult mtn bike trails on S half; agree w/ W north of trails 487, 489; WL mgmt; move W bdy to exclude suitable timber area. | Mtn bike use and now horse use; WL mgmt for birds, bear, grouse; NSA; No to Wilderness; No to road building; no logging; protect SIA and surroundings. | Mtn bike tech trails; mtce done by vols; NSA |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | One of the biggest IRAs in the eastern national forests; elev 1600-3300'; sandstone capped mtns create notable stone outcrops where Peregrine falcons have been released to the wild; multiple streams are tribs to N. Fork of Shenandoah River; 7500 acre SMA; unsuitable, managed to maintain natural appearance; multiple existing disp rec activities; native trout stream; 866 acre SBA; 4825 acres of possible old growth | Occupies both side of mountain; elev 1650'-3728'; hollows and streams, rugged side slopes with deep narrow drainages; Red Oak Spring near summit-stream created rock ledges, waterfalls; disp rec on system of 3 trails; Civil War history; up to 4276 ac of possible old growth. NOTE: VMT wisely excl narrow strip S of FDR 1269. | Highest point in Allegheny Co - 4072 ft. Cliff on west side with great views; open parklike flat on Big Knob; large old White oaks; globally rare species; D.A. Hollow large boulders, rugged, rock ledges, waterfalls; SBA; one trail; 2,735 ac possible old growth. | "Catback Mountain" area has two main parallel ridges and contains the headwaters of Passage Creek, a 34 acre SBA for Scothorn Gap Shale Barren, Waterfall Mountain Cliffs conservation site recommended by DNH as SBA, Duncan Hollow Trail that connects Camp Roosevelt to US 211 and side trails for loops; accessible boardwalk to cliffs; may contain 246 acres of possible old growth. |

| | | Elliott Knob | Galford Gap | Gum Run | High Knob |
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| Ranger District | | North River | Warm Springs | North River | North River |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 11,070 | 6,689 | 14,547 | 18,447 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | Presence of structural improvements | Comm Towers | Oil & gas well casing | Old VDGIF building exists on eastern bdy - can be excluded (or removed?) | Foundation, steps |
| | Private inholdings | Possible on SE bdy-need to verify. | No | 1 small inholding near south boundary contains a cabin; can be excluded. | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | No | No | Several along the east boundary | Yes |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | < 5% | 80-85%; FS only around S and tip of N | 10-15%, plus another 45-50% City of Harrisonburg for water supply | 5-10% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | Outside SE boundary - communication site with 2 towers. | No | No | No |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 7,100 ac SP in mass; opps for isolation and challenge; very rugged; North Mtn Trail is popular. | About 4,920 ac of SP north and central w/ RN around S perimeter; PWA narrow and along mountainside with high elev views to ext pvt land; core area offers isolation - no system trails so few encounters. | 6,700 ac SP in mass with SP buffer on one side and City of H'burg reservoir on other; good opps for isolation; | 11,760 ac SP; S fair mass; NW oddly shaped; rugged; 2 int trails; 1 bdy trail may hinder solitude. |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | Parkersburg Pike | No | Remnants of stone cabin/camp, possibly from Civil War; on boundary along FDR 225B | High Knob Tower |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | Cow knob salamander; 1,470 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area | No | Cow Knob Salamander; 4,331 acre SBA | Cow Knob Salamander; 7,597 acre SBA |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No | Yes, In center of PWA along a trail |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 1 mi. | No | 24 mi. | 7 mi. |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | Planted Norway spruces, larch | Maybe along MNF border | Red pine | Planted Balsam fir |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | 359 ac. | 573 ac. | 24 acres | 404 acres |
| | Other special feature or value | Headwater for James & Potomac | No | No | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | No | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | No | ATV | ATV and OHV, coming in at NE on FDR 304; also at SE bdy with Oak Knob-Hone Quarry | ATV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | Squatters live along SR 39 | No | No | No |
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| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 3,468 acres around the W, N and NE perimeter. | 4,467 acres scattered throughout entire area (substantially overlaps SP) | 307 acres - SE boundary | 4,296 acres - most of west portion (substantially overlaps SP) |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | 9 units and part of 2 others around perimeter dating 1994-1997 | 10 units and part of 11th 1993-1999; incl Mulligan helicopter sales | 3 units in SE corner (TSI contract) dated 1998-1999 | 7 units dating 1993 to 2005 primarily along west bdy but also 2 units in south-center along 1022 |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | Yes | No | No | Yes, per district note. |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | No | Near S bdy about 2000 | No | Large area at the south burned in 2000 |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | No | Yes | No |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 208 | 5 | 321 | 338 acres |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | No | No | 2,529 acres - one block on northeast side of PWA; can be excluded. | No |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | No | 36 acres | 136 |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | Least trillium, Slender wheatgrass, Mountain paper birch; big 715 ac SBA extends from S/center bdy up through middle of PWA. | No | No | Pearly everlasting, Ground juniper |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | Yes | Yes | 10 shown in GIS, primarily around boundary | About 15 wildlife openings shown in GIS |
| Recreation | Competitive events | Yes | No | | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | Trails exist, but not heavily used per district. | No | Trails exist, but not heavily used per district. | Yes |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | No | No | No | No |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | | | | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 1,197 | 704 | 1101 acres | 3,116 acres |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | No | 1.8 | 2.2 miles | 4.4 miles |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Add southern block of No. Mtn to be consistent with VA Treasures; watershed protection; WL mgmt-want more for birds, bear, grouse; mtn bike trails & mtce; agree w/ wilderness if exclude suitable area on W and NW third of PWA. | Special area, high elev habitat, high elev Allegheny; exclude from management; eval area to the south; extend PWA to include Chestnut Ridge on the SW. Don't lose timber, WL and hunting values. | Mtn bike use on trail from Chestnut Knob to Rawley Springs (SE portion of area); more OHV opps; yes to W-drinking water supply/watershed; watershed for public drinking water | Shen Mtn Trail through center of PWA with 4 mtn bike side trails entering along west bdy; agree to W on eastern portion of area; 4WD access; maintain early successional; yes to Wilderness-protect municipal watershed |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | High elev of 4463'; steep slopes near ridge, some over 80%; clear, cool springs high on ridge; cold spring bubbles from ground on W mtn; sprngs feed mult streams; VA DNH id'd T&E plants; black bear habitat; 962 SBA; up to 4,407 ac possible old growth. | "Scaffold Run" is located on spine of Allegheny Mtn, one of VA and WV's highest-knobs exceeding 4000 feet. Eastern slope rugged with many drainages; tribs to Greenbrier River- ultimately Gulf of Mexico; high elev old growth stands, up to 1,752 acres; 1 of few sites on GW with Red spruce; remote rec opps plentiful; no existing trail system. | Elev 1800- >4000'; 3 major ridges drained by numerous runs; western Dundore Mtn provides groundwater protection for Switzer Lake-reservoir for Harrisonburg; remote and rugged-habitat for black bear; Cow Knob Salamander prefers late successional, old growth; mixed hardwoods; 5429 acres of possible old growth. | "Skidmore Fork" is home to 10 T&E species with 5 being extremely rare; 1200 acre tract of old growth that DNH describes as "an exemplary natural community"; SBA is a gem; elev exceed 4000 feet on 3 knobs; challenging primitive recr opps; Skimore Fork serves as principle water source for Harrisonburg and needs protection. |

| | | Jerkentight | Kelley Mountain | Laurel Fork |
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| Ranger District | | North River | Pedlar | Warm Springs |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 27,314 | 12,892 | 10,236 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | No | Yes | Yes |
| | Presence of structural improvements | No | Mt. Torry Furnace, CCC Camp 8, bldgs | Dev rec site |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | No | Yes | No |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 5% | 20-25% | 65-70% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | Coles Run municipal water source - dam, reservoir and pipeline near north boundary | No |
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| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 15,840 ac SP up thru center; mult ridges & twisting drainages provide good interior core. | 7,300 ac SP in mass; good int opps away from sights/sounds but location & Sherando prevent solitude. Wide cherrystem on Turkey Pen Ridge. | 6,700 ac SP with opps for isolation and prim rec; but MULT TRAILS & adj MNF rec sites may prevent solitude and result in mult encounters. |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | Camp 8 and Mt. Torry Furnace just outside of eastern boundary | No |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | 448 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | Virginia sneezeweed, Swamp pin; 8,619 acre SBA 3 blocks along N, NE and E boundary. 1,624 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | Waterflan lichen, Va northern flying squirrel, Southern water shrew; 6,171 acre SBA. 687 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | Rec River | No | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 9 mi. | 20 mi. | 22 mi. |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | No | No | Heritage reports - large plantations of red pine and spruce in rows. |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | No | No | 58 ac. |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No | No |
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| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | ATV and OHV | ATV and OHV | ATV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | Numerous disp campsites all along northern bdy (FDR 42) | No |
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| AVAILABILITY | | | | |
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| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 6,936 acres along E and N boundary | 71 acres - a couple of blocks along north boundary | 30 acres along west boundary |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | 12 units and parts of 4 more around perimeter except 1 no. of The Bump, dating 1996-2000 | No | No |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | No | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | Large burns in 1993, 2000 E of NE boundary but within VMT bdy | Yes, near NNE boundary | No |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | No | Yes |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 2,006 acres | 1475 acres | No |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | 2,617 acres in large block at NW bdy extending into center of N portion; 2 smaller blocks near center; would take 50% of area to excl. | 2,126 acres; 3 large blocks on N bdy - exclude top half of PWA; small block on S bdy. | No |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | 2 acres | No | No |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | Sword leaved phlox, Slender wheatgrass, Wild chess, Coal skink, Shale barren rockcress; 1,280 acre SBA on SW end of PWA. | Var sedge, Mtn paper birch, Big Levels salamander | No |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | Along W boundary | About 17 shown in GIS, with many along boundary | No |
| Recreation | Competitive events | No | Yes | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | Trail goes up through center of area. | Yes | Yes |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | No | OHV road separates Kelley Mtn PWA from St. Mary's W. | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 553 acres | 1,077 | 1,185 |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | 2.1 miles | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Nat'I IMBA Trail - Shen Mtn & Jerk Trails; keep trails open; okay with W on north block above The Bump; don't allow timber or road building on E side of Shenandoah Mtn. | Heavily used by mtn bikes on 3 trails throughout area; ; Keep open Cole Road. OHV trails wanted - NW portion; Along N bdy, D.N.H.B + B3 (?) and parallel loop trail would be nice (please no bikes); NSA | Manage for unique biological significance; Wilderness study area; serves many rec uses; energy use; hunting access; WL clearings; timber mgmt; leave it managed as is and lose opp to protect a valuable place; good wilderness; why wait? |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Relatively low elev lands with mod slopes; steep drainages; 22 miles of Shen Mtn Trail on crest; shale barrens are SMA; rare plants; 1,280 SBA; up to 6500 ac possible old growth. | Major creek drainages, native trout streams; several small waterfalls on Johns Run; eastern upland hardwoods; pockets of old growth Hemlock; dense laurel and rhodos in understory; diversity of rock types; steep rugged slopes, scree slopes; Big Levels with rare species; SBA; 958 acres of possible old growth; mult rec activities; 25 miles of trail incl loops. | Unique in VA-high, stream dissected plateau in Allegheny Mtns and the Ridge & Valley. Elev 1700 to over 4000 feet; northern hardwoods, white pine, unlike Appal oak forest; native brook trout; peaver ponds and meadows; 25 species ranked by DNR as rare in VA; 2/3 of area is SBA; up to 701 acres of possible old growth; existing trails offer access; opp for solitude due to remoteness of PWA. |

| | | Little Alleghany | Little Mare Mountain | Little River | Massanutten North |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Ranger District | | Warm Springs | Warm Springs | North River | Lee |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 15,395 | 11,918 | 30,227 | 16,530 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Presence of structural improvements | Weir on NE boundary; can be excluded. | FAA site, RD weather sta, stone bldg, dam | North River | Stone base, wood deck |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | Long narrow tract at N end has a cabin; can be excluded. | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | No | Yes | No | Subdivisions exist all along east side and the central west and northwest side |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 98% | 15%; does not incl SP or TNC land | < 5% | >90% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No | No | No |
| | | | | | |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 8,780 ac SP in middle of each leg-half way down SW and mostt all of SE; and middle of top surrounded by RN on most of perimeter. Lots of core area for isolation; rugged and steep. Rural farms b/w "legs". | 5,000 ac SP toward upper half; mountainside; poor opps due to ext views, narrow shape; mult trails w/ high use out of Douthat; pvt dev along SW border. | 20,500 ac SP in mass; excellent opps for isolation/solitude; mult trails inc NRT may result in encounters with others. | 11,150 ac SP but all linear; long mountainside w/ external views |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No | Reddish Knob, Spring | Morgans Road; Washington planned to use it to retreat into Fort Valley, if needed |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | No | No | Cow Knob Salamander; 11,969 SBA | No |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | no | no | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | Rec River | No | Scenic river, NRT | Massanutten Mountain NRT; Recreational River |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 9 mi. | 22 mi. | 24 mi. | No |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | No | No | Mountain ash | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | 36 ac. | No | 584 ac. | No |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No | Largest IRA in VA; possibility for a wilderness of substantial size, especially in conjunction with Ramsey's Draft | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | No | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | ATV | ATV | ATVs on Trail 443 coming in from east side | ATVs enter from Funktown on east |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No | No | Long, narrow area with a lot of boundary against private |
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| | | Little Alleghany | Little Mare Mountain | Little River | Massanutten North |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| Ranger District | | Warm Springs | Warm Springs | North River | Lee |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 15,395 | 11,918 | 30,227 | 16,530 |
| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 5,621 acres - entire north end and scattered throughout west "leg" | 6,557 acres in southern tip and entire east half | 2,073 acres | 3,615 acres - entire east side of ridge and some on SW boundary |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | 17 units from 1993 to 1999 | 7 units 1993-1997 in center along E bdy | 5 units around E and S perimter, dating 1994-2005 | 2 units near NE boundary in 1994 and 2000; district notes some cutting units missing from GIS |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | No | Maintained; on S end of PWA; not in GIS | West bdy (w of Trail 539) and SE bdy on Middle Mountain | No |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | Yes | Yes | Sale planned in NE quadrant of area. | No |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 202 | 141 | 1,907 acres | 607 |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | 374 acres; 1 block from bdy to bdy; to exclude-cut off SE "leg" | No | 3,127 acres in 2 blocks on E bdy either side of Hearth.Lake & Buck Mtn Tr.; can be excl. | 1,465 acres in 5 blocks: 2 large which stretch from FS bdy to bdy; no excluding them. |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | No | No | |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | Plox buckleyi, roughhead shiner; 56 acre SBA at top N bdy, extends into Paddy Knob PWA . | Variable sedge; 94 acre SBA; 441 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | Barrens tiger beetle, Sword leaved phlox, Turkey beard, Mtn paper birch, coal skink; 1,088 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | N. bristly sarsaparilla; 56 acre Nat. Heritage Program Biological Area |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | No | Yes | Multiple WL openings throughout the area | Only 1 exists in GIS |
| Recreation | Competitive events | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | No | Planned | Yes | Premiere technical trails maintained by vols |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | No | Planned | Yes | Yes |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | | | Hang gliding at Reddish Knob | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 1,416 | 438 | 5,804 acres | 1,378 |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | No | No | 3.8 miles | 0.1 |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Little access for W users; loss of WL mgmt; transmission lines, mineral rights; pvt interface concern for fire; inhoding breaks up area; no conflicts in SE leg and intact watershed-agree with W; do not agree with W for SW leg; okay for W at N end. | High use from douthat; comp events; historic WL and timber should continue; mtn bikes and horses use Little Mare Mtn Trail; No to Wilderness; remote highlands or similar; NRA | Mult mtn bike trails; mgmt for grouse needed; agree to a core of wilderness with a perimeter of NSA that includes allowing mtn bikes on mult trails; yes to Wilderness-drinking water supply/watershed | Prime mtn bike tech trails; mtce by vols; NSA or other special designation; include a block north of PWA on Green Mountain; status of inventory and status TBD (not clear of intent); all NSA Ridge & Valley or 12C JNF Plan |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Rock rubble ledges, bands of solid rock parallel to slope; steep, rugged, isolated; elev 1,850-4,200; Jim Dave Run almost totally within bdy of area; primitive rec opps; no maintained trails; hunter disp campsites; 4,161 acres of possible old growth. | Elev 3500-4000 on 3 mountains; deeply incised ridge; drainage for Clifton Forge reservoir, Jackson River; many trails offer 17 total miles-some tie to Douthat; scenic backdrop for Hot Spgs; borders large TNC reserve. | Largest IRA in VA; site chosen by Pres Clinton to announce his Roadless Area Initiative; elev 1600-4440'; headwaters for Little River and significant trib for North River; deep soils on Timber Ridge support large red oaks; pine on SW facing slopes; abundance of wildflowers; remote area-black bear; many threatened species; SBA and 5,87 acres of possible old growth; extensive tral network including NRT. | Scenic backdrop to S. fork Shenandoah River; 15 miles of IRA; many outcrops along the crest; mult streams serve as trbs to S. Fork on the east and Passage Creek to N. fork on the west; recreational paradise; Massanutten Trail the entire length with side trails; Veach Gap shelter; S. Fork popular with canoeists; 3727 acres of possible old growth. |

| | | Oak Knob-Hone Quarry | Oliver Mountain | Paddy Knob | Potts Mountain |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| Ranger District | | North River | James River | Warm Springs | James River |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 16,343 | 13,049 | 5,987 | 7,863 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| | Presence of structural improvements | No | No | Fire tower remains | Time capsule |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | No | Not an inholding, but 2 large blocks of pvt jut into interior of PWA. |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | Yes | Yes | No | Several families live in pvt that juts into interior on N end. |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 5-10% | 80% | 65% | 50% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No | No | No |
| | | | | | |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 8,800 ac SP in mass; good int area but roadbed through and mult trails evidence humans. Cherry stem for Hone Quarry not desirable. | 9,200 ac SP - away from Lake, but juxtaposed with non-FS; views external to PWA. Would want to exclude area near Lake due to sound. | About 3,300 ac SP in core w/ RN on W,N,E perimeter; overall small core, but area is deeply incised and offers isolation. | 4500 ac SPM; area has fairly large mass of SP, but on a mountainside with external views. |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No | No | Jeep trail on boundary b/w Potts Mtn PWA and Barbours Creek W. |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No | No | Children's Forest |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | Cow Knob Salamander; 4,411 acre SBA | No | Bald eagle, Southern water shrew, Southern rock vole; 874 acre SBA; 73 ac Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | McGraw Gap xystodesmid, Rock skullcap, NE bulrush; 70 acre SBA |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 12 mi. | No | No | 16 miles |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | Planted | No | Norway spruce - planted. | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | 117 ac. | No | 374 ac. | No |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No | No | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | Noise, changing water levels at Pump Back Storage Unit | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | ATVs enter at several points on N and E bdy | ATV | ATV | ATV and OHV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No | No | No |
| | | | | | |

| | | Oak Knob-Hone Quarry | Oliver Mountain | Paddy Knob | Potts Mountain |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| Ranger District | | North River | James River | Warm Springs | James River |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 16,343 | 13,049 | 5,987 | 7,863 |
| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 882 acres - NE boundary of PWA | No | 2,149 acres on multiple spines from east boundary 2/3 across PWA; none in north | 4,143 ac scattered across most of PWA except NNE corner |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | 4 units on NE boundary dating 1997 | No | 5 units; parts of 2 others 1993-1997; small along FDR 141 | No |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | Five burns encompass about 35-40% of PWA, dating 1979, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2002 | No | Burned east flank of Paddy Knob (west bdy of PWA) in early 1990s | No |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 673 acres | 1,735 | 52 | 190 acres |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | 617 acres - rectangular mass on E end on top of Back Mtn; if any exploration or production activities occur in future, they might be visually evident; this area can be excluded with bdy adjustment. | No | No | 91 acres jut in from S. bdy where FDR 146 ends; south end of Little Mountain; would divide PWA in half to exclude. Cate-corner to NW is pvt jutting in. |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | 181 | No | No |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | Bristly black currant, Mtn paper birch | Sword leaved phlox, App grizzled skipper, Smooth coneflower, Shale barren rockcress; 359 acre SBA and 372 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area | Morning Warbler | |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | Yes | | Yes | Yes |
| Recreation | Competitive events | No | No | No | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | Mountain bike trails exist throughout the area - cannot be excluded. | More trails than shown on map. | No | No |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | Rock climbing area with permanent anchors | | | Jeep trail on boundary b/w Potts Mtn PWA and Barbours Creek W. |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 1,111 acres | 1,467 | 916 | 1,018 acres |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | 5.7 miles | 2.4 | 1.7 | No |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Mult mtn bike trails exist; develop OHV opps; yes to W-drinking water supply/watershed | More trails than shown on map-used by mtn bikes; 4WD road goes all the way through Hughes Draft; mtn bike use; more trails wanted in Lake front-country - potential shared use "stacked" loop trail system on N end; agree to Wilderness on SW end. | Lots of WL mgmt; change bdy to drop areas of active mgmt; Yes to W; Agree with W. | Maintain Children's Forest Trail; leave Potts Mtn Jeep Trail out of PWA; mineral rights may keep road open. |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Good access from Hone Quarry rec area; >12.5 miles of trails; many existing disp rec activities; native trout fishery; many hhigh knobs; stands of cove hardwoods in drainages; Cow Knob Salamander; up to 1952 acres of possible old growth. | Several creeks; eastern uplands hardwoods w/ Pitch, Table mountain and Virginia pines; elev up to 3,565 feet; steep and rugged; regaining natural appearance; trail goes through old growth; 2 VA SBAs; 1 GW SBA. | "Paddy Lick" has some of the highest elev in the GW -4477 feet. Steep ridge is dissected by streams incl Back Creek which provides fine whitewater paddling after significant rainfall. SBA and species like Bald eagle, Morning warbler.. more... undeveloped area; one trail; stands of old growth up to 2,649 acres. | "Toms Knob" views, elev up to 3800 feet; Many streams, several short trails; small SBA and small pockets of potential old grown. |

| | | Ramsey's Draft Addition | Rich Hole Addition | Rich Patch (GW Portion) | Rough Mtn Addition |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Ranger District | | North River | James River & Warm Spgs | James River | Warm Springs |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 19,072 | 12,165 | 5,625 | 2,063 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Presence of structural improvements | VDGIF building | Fire tower foundation | No | No |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | No | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 15-20%, mostly narrow strip on SW end | 30-35% | 55% | 60-65% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No | No | RR ROW road |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 11,000 ac SP in mass; mtinside w/ deep twisting drainages; for int opps away from sights/sounds. Good opp for solitude. | About 7,100 ac SP on mountainside with views toward Rough Mtn to west and northwest and SR 42 to southwest. I64 and US60 are south. No great core area by itself, but makes good block when combined with existing wilderness. Not much pvt interface. . | 4000 ac SP, all of which is narrow and against pvt boundary on GW side. | Yes |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | Noise from I-64, on DOD flight path, hunt camps on adjacent private land. | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | Confederate Breastworks | No | No | No |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | Cow Knob Salamander; 2,460 acre SBA on north end. | No | No | No |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | NRT | Rec River | No | Rec River |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 7 mi. | 9 mi. | 7 mi. | No |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | Red pine, planted, on north end. | No | No | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | 204 ac. | No | No | No |
| | Other special feature or value | Headwater for James & Potomac | No | No | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | | No | No | High use RR, fire breaks along tracks |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | ATV | ATV | No | ATV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No | No | Area provides only legal access to existing Rough Mtn Wilderness |
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| | | Ramsey's Draft Addition | Rich Hole Addition | Rich Patch (GW Portion) | Rough Mtn Addition |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Ranger District | | North River | James River & Warm Spgs | James River | Warm Springs |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 19,072 | 12,165 | 5,625 | 2,063 |
| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 4,753 acres | 3,152 acres | No | 1,133 acres scattered throughout, except NNW tip |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | 8 units dating from 1994-1995 along east bdy | Older cutting units at far south end. | No | No |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | Very small area on NE boundary | Large area in N point in 2005. | No | No |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | Yes | No | No |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 1,020 acres | 944 acres | 316 | 382 |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | 5,784 acres; entire west side of Ramsey's Draft. | No | No | No |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | 350 acres | No | 553 |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | No | 443 acre SBA in middle of PWA - Habitat for TES Species. 41 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | Pirate bush | Millboro leatherflower; 72 acre SBA |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | 3 WL openings on north end. | Yes | No | No |
| Recreation | Competitive events | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | Shen Mtn Trail and access on Sinclair Mtn Trail. Improvements planned for Sinclair Hollow trailhead. | No | No | No |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | Conf Breastworks; need to exclude Mtn House from area; competitive events on mtn trails on south end. | | Too many trails incl NRT; same Rx as JNF Plan | No |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 1,666 acres | 1,043 | 1,111 | No |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | 1.0 mile | 4.5 miles | 0.3 | No |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Inc. part of Nat'l IMBA Trail; mtn bike use important here; adjust bdy toward E and N of Trails 447, 448, 472, 496 to allow mtn bikes; expand W to the N of Ramsey's Draft; Expand this W! (on E side of existing). Want to continue mgmt activities on suitable eastern 1/4-1/3 of PWA. | Change bdy to exclude FS362 for hunters; mtn biking, hunting, fishing in area; protect area between Rough Mtn & Rich Hole Ws toto create larger block of W; need to hunt, harvest timber, game mgmt; remove from suitable; adjust to excl Tr 466. Close FDR 362. | Too many conflicts with mtn bike use for Wilderness; too many trails including NRT | Yes for Wilderness. Don't discount due to size - include with Rich Hole Addition acres. |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | "Bald Ridge/Lynn Hollow" should be given combo of designation; elev 2200-4200'; steep with short, choppy drainages on lower elev; some steep slopes >80%; ridge w/in PWA forms bdy b/w 2 major watersheds; large trees are notable; very picturesque; black bear habitat; VA NHD recommends Big Bald Knob as SIA with 4 spcies of concern; existing SBA; 6211 acres of possible old growth. | Nothing specific; make bigger Wilderness with Rich Hole & Rough Mountain. | Not included. | Noting specific; make bigger Wilderness with Rich Hole & Rough Mountain. |

| | | St. Mary's N | St Mary's South | St. Mary's W | Shaws Ridge |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| Ranger District | | Pedlar | Pedlar | Pedlar | North River |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 3,006 | 1,651 | 278 | 7,268 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | Yes | No | No | No |
| | Presence of structural improvements | No | No | No | No |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | No | Fairly large and in middle of PWA; may be hard to exclude. |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | Yes | Yes | Houses exist all along western boundary | Yes, all along SW boundary |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 15%-20% | 55-65% | 30% | 95% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No | Pvt land between this area and existing W What? Check. | No |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | 1,985 ac SP with rugged terrain; good int opps away from sights/ sounds; no trails | No | Opps for primitive recreation when combined with St. Mary's Wilderness | Relatively small 3,950 ac SP thru center; mostly ridgetop but some int opps; trails & pvt inholding concern |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No | No | Garbage dump |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | Swamp pink; 2,977 SBA - Habitat for TES Species. | No | Swamp pink | No |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | No | No | Wild River | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 4 mi. | No | No | No |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | No | No | No | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | No | No | No | No |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No | Headwaters for both James & Potomac Rivers | Headwater for James & Potomac |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | No | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | OHV | ATV | Yes | ATV |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | Mine restoration and monitoring (req'd by Va) | No | No |
| | | | | | |

| | | St. Mary's N | St Mary's South | St. Mary's W | Shaws Ridge |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| Ranger District | | Pedlar | Pedlar | Pedlar | North River |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 3,006 | 1,651 | 278 | 7,268 |
| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 12 acres - very narrow along north boundary | 137 acres in NNW boundary | No | 148 acres along N bdy |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | | | | No |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | | | | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | | | | No |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | No | No | Yes |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | 310 | 227 | No | 396 |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | 630 acres; more than 20% of area in large block on N extending into center. | 333 | No | 4 acres |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | No | No | No |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | Var sedge, Mtn paper birch, Big Levels salamander | No | Big Levels salamander; 99 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area. | Shale barren rockcress; SBA on SE boundary |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Recreation | Competitive events | No | No | No | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | No | No | No | No |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | No | No | No | No |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | No | No | No | No |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | | | No | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 857 | 111 | No | No |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | No | 0.1 | No | 1.3 |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | | | Agree to Wilderness | Manage for WL and timber; maintain roadless |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Contains extremely inaccessible Russell Rock, unique geologic feature; 2910 acre SBA. | Known for steep V drainages and numerous scree slopes, esp Dogwood Hollow. Evidence of past include homestead site, mining activities from early 1900's, old mine fissure has become bat hibernaculum. | Addition B (St. Mary's W) is a recent FS acquisition. Cellar Hollow is a dominant geologic feature and contains cove hardwoods. Small stream is steep and rugged. | Headwaters for both James & Potomac Rivers; Shale barren SBA at SE end; rare fishes downstream; 1 trail; access by 2 FS roads; beautiful scenery for US 250 travelers; up to 2619 ac possible old growth. |

| | | Shawver's Run Add | Three Ridges Addition South | Three Ridges Addition Southwest | Three Ridges Addition West |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ranger District | | James River | Pedlar | Pedlar | Pedlar |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 84 | 187 | 9 | 90 |
| CAPABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of structural improvements | No | No | Suspension bridge over Tye River | No |
| | Private inholdings | No | No | No | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | No | Yes | No | No |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 30% | 55-60% | 50% | 70% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No | No | No |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | No added SP benefit to Shawver's Run | No | No | No |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | Adds length along a road and along a bdy with pvt. | No | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | No | No | Waterfan lichen | No |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | No | No | No | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | 1 mi. | 1 mi. | No | No |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | No | No | No | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | No | No | No | No |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No | No | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | No | No | No |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | No | OHV | No | No |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No | No | No |
| | | | | | |

| | | Shawver's Run Add | Three Ridges Addition South | Three Ridges Addition Southwest | Three Ridges Addition West |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ranger District | | James River | Pedlar | Pedlar | Pedlar |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 84 | 187 | 9 | 90 |
| AVAILABILITY | | | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | 84 acres - entire addition | 187 acres - entire area | No | No |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | No | | | |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | No | | | |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | No | | | |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | No | No | No |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | No | No | No | No |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | No | No | No | No |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | No | No | No |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | No | No | No | No |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Recreation | Competitive events | No | No | No | No |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | No | No | No | No |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | No | No | No | No |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | No | No | Yes | No |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | No | | | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | No | 11 | No | No |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | No | No | No | No |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | None | | | |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | This small triangular addition was not specifically included in report. | Not included. | Not included. | Not included. |

| | | Three Ridges Addition North | Three Sisters |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Ranger District | | Pedlar | Pedlar |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 83 | 9,871 |
| CAPABILITY | | | |
| Categories for Assessing Capability | Basic Natural Capability Elements, Values or Features | Comments | Comments |
| Nature dominates; substantially free of improvements and human habitation | Acidified streams (non-limestone streams) | No | Yes |
| | Presence of structural improvements | No | Johns Hollow AT shelter |
| | Private inholdings | No | No |
| | Subdivisions adjacent to PWA boundary | No | Subdivision to the west |
| | Est. percent of boundary beside pvt lands | 40-45% | 25% |
| | Other evidence of human habitation or use | No | No |
| Opportunities for solitude and primitive, unconfined recreation | Opportunities for primitive recreation, solitude, physical and mental challenge, inspiration | No | Good core of 5,500 ac SP in mass in center; AT runs through the middle - high use may prevent solitude. |
| | Other pros or cons to opps for primitive rec and solitude | No | No |
| Ability to provide special features or values | National or regional heritage/historic values | No | No |
| | Presence of TESLR species, FS sensitive species or species found only here that DO NOT need active management | No | 149 acre Natural Heritage Program Biological Area |
| | Presence of old growth stands (FS data; see also Va Mtn Treasures comments below) | No | No |
| | Presence of special area (NRT, RNA, etc) | No | No |
| | Presence of special geologic area | No | No |
| | Native brook trout stream(s), miles | No | 10 mi. |
| | Area contains veg unique to VA, ie, "northern" species such as balsam fir | No | No |
| | Elev over 4,000 feet, acres | No | No |
| | Other special feature or value | No | No |
| Manageability | Adjacent to long-term disturbance | No | Active amalit mine |
| | Known illegal OHV or ATV use | No | ATVs enter on the east and north |
| | Other challenges related to manageability | No | No |
| | | | |

| | | Three Ridges Addition North | Three Sisters |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Ranger District | | Pedlar | Pedlar |
| Size of PWA or Addition (acres) | | 83 | 9,871 |
| AVAILABILITY | | | |
| Categories of Other Resources | Other Resources Demands that the Area Could Satisfy | Comments | Comments |
| Timber, Vegetation and Fire - Past and current management investments | Existing suitable timber from 1993 Plan | No | 879 acres on SSE boundary and NW boundary |
| | Timber sales harvested since 1993 | | 5 units dated 2004 on SE boundary |
| | Timber sales currently under contract | | No |
| | Presence of Rx burns or approved burns not completed yet. | | No |
| | Existing surface contracts, permits, agreements that conflict with Wilderness | No | No |
| | Area contains Table mtn, Va, Pitch pine (Rx burn) | No | 387 acres |
| Minerals and Lands | Reserved/outstanding subsurface rights, acres | No | 491 acres in small block on NW bdy can be excluded. |
| | Area contains land suitable for disposal on land adjustment map, acres | No | No |
| TES Species and Wildlife | Area contains TES and/or FS sensitive species or habitat enhanced by human intervention or disturbance | No | No |
| | Existing wildlife habitat improvements using mechanical methods that conflict with W. | Yes | 3 wildlife openings, Sheps Pond? |
| Recreation | Competitive events | No | Yes |
| | Mountain biking - heavily used trails | No | No |
| | Horseback riding - heavily used trails | No | No |
| | Trail partners perform mtce with chainsaws | Yes | Yes |
| | Other rec demands that may conflict with Wilderness values | | |
| Other Agency Interests | Dept of Energy identified area as having wind power class 3 or greater | 18 | 614 acres |
| Public Access | Presence of roads open year round or seasonally, miles | No | 1.3 |
| Public Comments | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | | Agree to wilderness for western portion-keep AT and FDR 36D out of wilderness; area used for adventure competitions; NSA; WL mgmt. |
| Virginia Mountain Treasures | Comments that provide additional information for assessing availability. | Not included. | North slope of James River Gorge, on bdy of 2 LTAs; elev ranging from 900-3400'; several small streams drain to Maury River; native trout stream; headwaters of Otter Creek; prominent geological feature in Rocky Row Ridge; outstanding views of James River and JR Face W; several trails including AT; 2777 acres of possible old growth. |